



Unincorporated Area of the County of San Diego

P.O. Box 613, Jamul, CA 91935

May 6, 2025

FINAL MINUTES

1. Call to Order 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Darla Kasmedo, Preston Brown, Lucille Hargraves, Lisa Hodgson, Paul Dombkowski, Michael Casinelli, Eve Nasby, Ed Mollon, David Imrie, Thomas Gray, Janet Mulder, John McClure

Excused: Kevin May (Zoom), Steve Wragg

Absent: Courtney Etnyre

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

April 1, 2025: postponed until next meeting.

4. Open Forum

Eve Nasby shared:

- Jamul Shopper asked if she had any more interviews. She is setting up next one with Lucille Hargraves.
- **Eve** thanked the County for filling the potholes on Jamul Highlands Drive.

Darla Kasmedo shared:

- Update from code enforcement office with respect to JIV hotel light complaint from her neighborhood. She followed up twice and was told that nothing can be done due to the casino's sovereign nation status. Darla requested that some positive dialogue with JIV begin.
- Surveyor has been seen near property at Melody and 94. She has heard that there may be plans for gas station/market similar to the one built by Sycuan on Dehesa Rd. Many details need to be confirmed: is it sovereign land or privately owned still (Penn? JIV?) **Preston Brown** said that the 10-acre parcel at that intersection is currently owned by Penn National Gaming and this was confirmed at the presentation by the Tribe for the new Events Center and Hotel Casino Expansion project. **Darla** will do more research on this property.
- There is a possibility that the top floor of the casino was evacuated during the earthquake due to a crack in the pool.

Vice Chair Paul Dombkowski shared:

- **Paul** said he discussed the laws in the County regarding fireworks with **Michael Casinelli**. When contacted, neither the County nor the Sheriff's Department could say if they were illegal and under what Code. A simple Google search confirmed that ALL fireworks are currently illegal in SD county without a permit.
- **Michael** has composed an article about the importance of these laws. It will be published in the June edition of the Jamul Shopper and will be posted on the JDCPG Facebook page.

Becky Rapp (Zoom):

- She said she was concerned that Supervisor Anderson's new policy advisor Mr. Dallin Young is a positive lobbyist and supporter of marijuana businesses and use. She wonders if Mr. Young can remain neutral as an advisor with the marijuana EIR, and requests transparency with respect to this conflict of interest.

5. Highway 94 Wildfire Evacuation Tour with SANDAG and CalTrans

Vice Chair Paul Dombkowski shared:

- CalTrans continues their efforts to clear brush and trim trees, but some areas are advancing at a slower pace due to issues and policies regarding protection of cultural resources.
- CalTrans is still in the middle of a study on the timing of the lights along 94. It was noted that the work near Steele Canyon High School is not CalTrans work, but work on the power lines.
- Vista Sage and 94 left turn lane is still being studied and analyzed.

6. Association of Planning Groups (APG)

Vice Chair Paul Dombkowski shared:

- The next APG face-to-face meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 31st at the Lakeside Library. All CPG/CSG reps will be present.
- SANDAG Public Safety Committee shared information about South American Theft Groups. They are highly sophisticated and organized and tend to target expensive homes in areas that have a lot of open space surrounding them – such as near golf courses and similar areas. They use high tech equipment to case homes before robbing the homes of jewelry and other similar valuables. Many homes in our community fit the description of the homes these groups like to target. **Paul** suggested we all look at the presentation he shared if we had not already done so.

7. Jamul Casino Hotel and Entertainment Center Expansion Project

Preston Brown shared:

- Currently working on a draft letter to the Jamul Casino about light pollution from their new lighting additions on the Events Center and Hotel. He is working to frame the letter so it can be used as a way to open dialogue about how we can reach cooperative solutions with the JIV.
- Members in the Dark Sky community here in San Diego suggested we try to work with the JIV leadership and encourage collaboration in an effort to protect our natural resources and wildlife from nighttime light pollution.
- **Preston** will share a couple of letters at our next meeting that seek engagement with the JIV. He anticipates that the JIV will be willing to cooperate with this effort because it will greatly benefit the environment and the conservation lands that the California Fish and Wildlife (CFW) and the US Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS) strive to protect. These two government agencies both cooperated in the decisions that helped get this casino built.
 - Discussions among several members included:
 - best ways to accomplish this.
 - other agencies and groups to bring into the discussion.
 - whether face-to-face meetings might be more beneficial than a letter.
 - generally inviting all stakeholders to come together to find collaborative solutions for light pollution issues.
- **Next steps:** **Preston** will work on the letter and share draft with group at next meeting; **Lisa Hodgson** may set up a meeting with Erica Pinto.

8. Request (from Carl DeMaio's office) for Letter of Support re: their request to CalTrans for a left turn lane onto Vista Sage from 94

Chair Lisa Hodgson:

- Read information to JDCPG from the county in reference to safety enhancements at 94 and Vista Sage Lane. It appears that the county accepted 1.1 million dollars from JIV. According to the county and the Intergovernmental Agreement, JIV fulfilled their promised financial support to the county. The Intergovernmental Agreement had named 3 specific items that the 1.1 million dollars was to be used for, including improvements to the site distance for Vista Sage Lane. It is unclear where the county actually used the money, but it was not given to CalTrans for completion of the specified road improvements.
- CalTrans is currently doing another traffic study to see if a left turn lane or other enhancements are justified at this point in time.
- **Janet Mulder** wants to follow up on the county's acceptance of the 1.1 million dollars, as she believes the amount should have been much higher. **Lisa** shared contact information with her.

9. SDG&E Strategic Undergrounding (SUG) Update

Chair Lisa Hodgson:

- Invited SDGE reps to an upcoming JDCPG meeting but she was turned down due to the fact that there is no new information to be shared with the group that had not already been shared with the community.
- To reiterate: 605 miles of SUG were requested from CPUC. CPUC only approved a 4-year allowance of 140 miles. Therefore, SDGE is only completing those projects that have actually started (i.e. digging had begun).

Ed Mollon will be emailing 2 SDGE representatives to find out if any recent rate increases are tied to the anticipated undergrounding work, and if so, what happens to those increases now.

10. Summary of meetings with CPG Chairs and Rep Issa and Supervisor Anderson

Chair Lisa Hodgson:

- Met a lot of good contacts at both meetings.
- *Meeting with Representative Darryl Issa:*
 - Representative Issa is still working to schedule the meeting with APG and SANDAG.
 - "Fix Our Forests" and other items were discussed at this meeting. Please reach out to **Lisa** directly for more detailed information.
- *Meeting with Supervisor Joel Anderson:*
 - In answering questions from **Lisa**, Supervisor Anderson stated:
 - Although the Board of Supervisors supported the Land Transfer Act, he was the only NO vote.
 - He does not support the "mansion" tax.
 - He is hoping that meetings with CPG chairs can happen more often.
 - **Lisa** sent unanswered questions from previous in-person presentation between Supervisor Anderson's office and JDCPG to Andrew Hayes who will be answering them for the group.

11. Request (from Supervisor Anderson's Office) for Letter of Support re: Extending Review times for Agenda

- **Darla Kasmedo** moved to support Supervisor Joel Anderson's request to extend review times for agenda items for Board of Supervisors meetings. Motion was unanimously approved.

- **Chair Lisa Hodgson** presented a draft letter of support to JDCPG.
- **Dave Imrie** moved to accept the letter as drafted with minor grammatical changes. ***Motion was unanimously approved.***
- **Lisa** will send letter of support. **See Attachment I**

12. Cottonwood Sand Mine

- **Michael Casinelli** suggested JDCPG compose a cover letter and attach it to the original letter opposing the Cottonwood Sand Mine (originally sent in August 2023). The cover letter should include a bold declaration of JDCPG's continued opposition to the project.
- **Preston Brown** moved to send cover letter with original letter attached. ***Motion was unanimously approved.***
- **Preston** volunteered to write a draft cover letter to review/approve at next meeting.

13. Simpson's Nursery Property

- Discussions occurred about what is currently happening on Simpson's Nursery property. It is believed that Zoura Latif is the owner, but a possible change in ownership may have occurred. **Chair Lisa Hodgson** cannot yet substantiate this information.
- Land use issues including new ingress and egress routes are occurring but it is unclear as to exactly what they are and whether they align with the property's zoning. The county has the right to ask about what is happening on the property if it is still privately owned.
- **Darla Kasmedo** mentioned that if the property is being used somehow by JIV that it may be an opportunity to build bridges between JDCPG and JIV.
- **Eve Nasby** moved that JDCPG investigate the use and ingress/egress additions. ***The motion was unanimously approved.***
- **Vice Chair Paul Dombkowski** volunteered to compose a letter to the county and CalTrans about the property.

14. JDCPG Officer's Announcements and Reports:

- Dulzura Community Meeting June 14, 2025, 5:00 pm at 1136 Community Building Rd
- Jamul Fire Station Open House: Sat, May 17th, 2025, 11 am-2 pm
 - 14024 Peaceful Valley Rd
 - Games, prizes, home hardening tips and more
- Cultural & Tribal Cultural Resources CEQA Guidelines Update Info Sessions:
 - Find the Zoom Link and RSVP at: <https://engage.sandiegocounty.gov/ctcrg-update-public>
 - Thursday, May 8, 2025, 12-1PM
 - Thursday, May 15, 2025, 12-1PM (same presentation both times)
 - Last updated 2007
 - County is looking for community input
- CPUC Public Participation Hearings re: update of Carrier of Last Resort rules
 - 5/13 2:00 pm & 6:00 pm
 - <https://adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc/hearing> or 1-800-857-1917 (code: 6032788#)

15. Review of Action Items

- **Preston Brown:** cover letter draft re: Cottonwood Sand Mine
- **Vice Chair Paul Dombkowski:** Draft letter re: Simpson Nursery property
- **Chair Lisa Hodgson:** Revise and send letter of support to Supervisor Anderson's office
- **Chair Lisa Hodgson:** Forward Cultural CEQA email to **Janet Mulder**

16. Adjournment: **9:20 PM**

Attachment I

Supervisor Joel Anderson

San Diego County Board of Supervisors
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335
San Diego, CA 92101

May 08, 2025

**RE: ADVANCING TRANSPARENCY AND ENGAGEMENT BY EXTENDING AGENDA
REVIEW TIME**

Dear Supervisor Anderson,

I am writing on behalf of the Jamul-Dulzura Community Planning Group to express our full support for the Board of Supervisors to extend the public review period for San Diego County Board of Supervisors meeting agendas. This initiative is a critical step toward enhancing government transparency, strengthening public engagement, and ensuring that all residents—especially those in unincorporated and underserved areas—have a fair opportunity to participate in the decision-making process.

Currently, residents have only six days to review Board meeting agendas, a timeframe that presents significant challenges, particularly for individuals facing barriers such as long travel distances, limited public transportation options, work obligations, and unreliable internet access. Many residents, especially those in unincorporated communities, must plan their schedules in advance, coordinate transportation, and arrange childcare or time off from work to participate effectively. By extending the agenda review period, the County can ensure that more voices are heard, leading to a more inclusive and informed governance process.

Jurisdictions across California, including the State Legislature, provide extended public review periods, recognizing the importance of allowing sufficient time for meaningful analysis and input. By implementing similar best practices, the County of San Diego can set a new standard for accessibility and civic engagement, reinforcing its commitment to an open and participatory government.

We strongly encourage the Board to approve this proposal and take a proactive step in making governance more transparent, accessible, and representative of all County residents. Thank you for your leadership in championing this important issue. We look forward to supporting the County's continued efforts to promote democratic participation and accountability.

Sincerely,

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Lisa Hodgson

Chairman

Jamul-Dulzura Community Planning Group

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NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 @7:00 p.m.
Jamul-Dulzura Union School District – Jamul Education Center
14581 Lyons Valley Road, Jamul, CA 91935

Hybrid Meeting: Both In-person and Zoom Attendance

Meeting Minutes and Agendas can be accessed at: <http://www.sdcountry.ca.gov/pds/CommunityGroups.html>

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JAMUL DULZURA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

MISSION STATEMENT

"The mission of the Jamul-Dulzura Community Planning Group is to represent the best interests of the communities of Jamul and Dulzura while adhering to County of San Diego, California Board of Supervisors Policy I-1."

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of the Jamul-Dulzura Community Planning Group is:

- *To provide a public forum where local citizens can learn about issues of importance to them and their community and provide input.*
- *To carefully consider all input when advising the county on such issues as planning, land use, discretionary projects, and community and sub-regional plans.*